

REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

THE EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT. Vol. III of The Practical Medicine Series of Year Books. Edited by CASEY A. WOOD, C.M., M.D., ALBERT H. ANDREWS, M.D., T. MELVILLE HARDIE, A.M., M.D. The Year Book Publisher, Chicago, December, 1901.

The present work apparently does not aim to cover the entire year's progress in the sciences of which it treats. It is more nearly a *résumé* of new clinical suggestions and advances in therapeutics of the diseases consecutively brought to notice. It is lightly edited, the words of the authors whose articles are reviewed being largely transferred to the text. This is only commendable in that it leaves the original author responsible for personal views expressed. The cuts incorporated likewise carry the original author's personal imprint without particular comment from the editors. The culling of extracts has been carried out widely rather than deeply, and in this we commend the authors. Many of the special articles that are scattered through the general medical literature of this and other countries are never seen by the specialist, and thus some really valuable hints and notes of cases are lost to him. We do not mean to say that the special journals have been ignored by the editors, but the line has to be drawn in a book of moderate size, and hence the editors have wisely chosen papers of a general interest, though some of them do not bear the stamp of most profound experience. Thus the book occupies a place, as it was doubtless planned that it should, midway between the weekly or monthly journal and the text-book of the matured author.

Most of the best papers of the year have been rather fully presented; others, with little pretence to originality, or contain-

ing only "rediscoveries," have necessarily been included. But by repetitions we advance, so that what is merely ephemeral must be culled into a work necessarily of somewhat evanescent value.

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FIRST AID TO THE INJURED AND SICK. An Ambulance Handbook. By F. J. WARWICK, M. B. CANTAB, M.R.C.S. and A. C. TUNSTALL, M.D., F.R.C.S., Ed. 12mo.; pp. xvi, 232; 205 illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1901.

This new candidate for the favor of first-aid classes has many excellent features. Its first part takes up human anatomy and physiology with unusual elaboration in books of its class, beginning with the cell and closing with the sympathetic nervous system. The second part opens with a chapter on bandaging, which is treated more elaborately than in many professional works upon the subject, both the triangular and roller bandages being considered in great detail and with profuse illustration. Much space is devoted to haemorrhage, as would be expected from the particular amenability of emergencies involving it, to relief by first aid. No new methods of controlling haemorrhage are brought out, but a series of new plates showing the control of bleeding from the principal arteries is of value, and a new tabular presentation of the subject is excellent, although perhaps a trifle elaborate. The chapter on wounds is not as full as most of the other chapters, and might have been amplified with advantage. The page headings of the chapter, which is devoted mainly to fractures, read "The Immediate Treatment of Sprains, Etc.," which is rather misleading in a portion of the book treating excellently and lucidly of broken bones. The discussion of the subject of transportation is essentially English, and omits many of what we in the United States are inclined to consider important improvements; the methods of lifting and carrying by a single bearer are particularly deficient in this respect. The Ames Board for transportation of the disabled on shipboard, in mines, etc., is a useful American substitute of the Lowmoor Jacket, and the Kirker "Ambulance